

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for election of species, Applicants elect, as the formulation, a gel.

It is believed that claims 1 and 4-21 are readable on this species.

Applicants also elect, as the preferred support, polymer foam. It is believed that claims 1-13, 15 and 18-24 are readable on this species.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Insofar as Applicants has made an election of the invention to be examined and has identified the claims encompassing the elected invention, this response is complete. Examination on the merits is solicited.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future submissions, to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any

additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37  
C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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